

**Remarks**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended so as to address this rejection. As a result, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

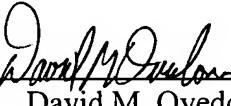
In addition, claims 1 and 2 have been amended so as to make a number of minor editorial revisions. These revisions have been made to place the claims in better U.S. form. None of these amendments have been made to narrow the scope of protection of the claims, nor to address issues related to patentability and therefore, these amendments should not be construed as limiting the scope of equivalents of the claimed features offered by the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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